YOUR GRAND COMMANDER'S SLOGAN
"LET'S GET TEMPLARY BACK TO FIRST PRINCIPLES"

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EMINENT SIRS AND SIR KNIGHTS

GREETINGS:

In this the first message of the New Year may I wish for you and yours the peace and contentment that come to a true Knight of the Cross. May we look forward truly to that day when the presently clashing swords will actually be "Beaten into plow shares and spears into pruning hooks" and there will be no more war. May we always remember that in peace or war, progress and human welfare rest upon a sense of patrotic responsibility. We should all be good citizens and a credit to Masonry and Templarly in particular.

May I, at this time thank sincerely all of the Grand Officers and the officers of the Constituent Commanderies for their wholehearted co-operation and support that has made the start of my term as Grand Commander so very pleasant and happy. I ask and know that I will receive your continued prayers, support and help.

Your Grand Commandery in co-operation with the new Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts Most Excellent Charles A. Cross and the Most Illustrious Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts Frank W. Balcomb, have set up a program of three (3) York Rite Festivals in three sections of the State. You will be informed of these arrangements presently. This to my mind is the most encouraging aspect of the year so far as membership is concerned.

Somewhere along the line my hope that demits and suspensions would and could be slowed up has just not materialized. I still believe that in these two categories lies our most fertile avenue of gain this year, because so far this term new memberships are to all intents and purposes non-existant and almost extinct. What moves men to achievement? What generates men individually or collectively, to use a generous part of their creative power? These are but two of the basic questions facing all of our Commanderies in this day. Just how can we motivate our fraters to use their talents and energy for creative purposes? It was not too long ago when Freemasonry was a vital force in our land, we have become cautious and defensive rather than valorous. We have acquired a measure of self-satisfaction, a large sense of material comfort and apathy for ourselves and we seem to have forgotten our mission as Knights of the Cross.

How long ago has it been since you have been to a meeting of your Blue Lodge? How about putting first things first? Have you any idea what your regular attendance at your Lodge will mean to the brethern that know that you are a Knight Templar? Then when you go to them with a petition for the York Rite they will know what you are talking about. When you who are so active in Chapter and Commandery let them see that Knights Templar are above all else, Freemasons expanding our usefulness. Perhaps we have been overlooking a "good bet." Is it worth a try? I really believe it is.

Courteously yours,

George C. Patton

Grand Commander

MEMBERSHIP

Now is the time of the Commandery year when we must demonstrate a new surge of enthusiasm for obtaining new members if our quotas are to be even approached. Are you personally, in the light of our great need, doing all you can? How much time and effort have you as an individual put into recruiting new members for your Commandery? In many cases the answer has to be - not nearly enough. There is little doubt that the results are commensurate with the time and effort expended and the total result thus far falls far short of our minimum needs.

During the month of December, only eight Commanders made any mention at all of their membership needs in their notices; and of these, six mentioned it in a most casual way. Only two Commanders made a strong presentation of the necessity for increased effort by their membership.

The plea for Sponsors of the Eye Foundation received wide and enthusiastic recognition in a majority of the notices - and this is as it should be. Nevertheless, there should be no time when the appeals to the Sir Knights regarding the need for petitions be overlooked. It is necessary to hit this subject hard and often. An urgent plea is therefore made at this time to every Commander to devote some part of his notices for the remainder of the year to his membership campaign. Too, see to it that every Sir Knight who brings in a valid petition be given some recognition for his work.

If the York Rite Festivals sponsored by the Grand Commandery are to be effective in adding to our membership, then candidates must be obtained to make the effort worthwhile. This Busy Man's opportunity is the result of many demands in the past for speeding up the work; now it is necessary to prove that this need was not exaggerated in the first place. Brockton Masonic Temple is the place and Saturday, January 28, 1967, is the date for Chapter and Council and Saturday, February 4, 1967, is the date for Commandery.

In 1965/66 at the end of December there were twelve Commanderies with no candidates; in 1966/67 there are fifteen. Too, in December 1965/66 there were eight Commanderies with one candidate; in 1966/67 there are thirteen. In other words, twenty-eight Commanderies (more than half) have accounted for only thirteen petitions out of a total of 133, in the first four months of the year. These comparisons are drawn only to point up the magnitude of the job ahead. It is imperative that every Commandery get into the act.

With the Holidays out of the way and with the New Year beginning, let us resolve to figuratively roll up our sleeves and go to work with all of our energy and with a singleness of purpose that will assure Massachusetts and Rhode Island Templary of a successful and satisfying year of achievement.

Ralph L. Connolly
Membership Chairman.

COMMANDERY	QUOTA	3 MOS	DEC.	TOTAL
St. John's	30	1	2	3
Boston	66	7	3	10
Newburyport	18	4	1	5
Washington	5	0	0	0
Worcester County	39	3	2	5
Springfield	26	8	0	8
DeMolay	50	9	5	14
Holy Sepulchre	18	1	0	1
Pilgrim	19	1	0	1
Palestine	12	0	1	1
Milford	10	2	0	2
St.Bernard	5	2	0	2
Calvary	30	0	0	0
Haverhill	23	0	0	0
Old Colony	13	2	1	3
Sutton	30	6	1	7
Bethany	8	0	0	0
Winslow Lewis	11	3	0	3
Jerusalem	17	0	0	0
Hugh de Payens	29	4	1	5
St.Omer	15	0	1	1
Berkshire	18	0	0	0
Connecticut Valley	7	0	0	0
Woonsocket	9	7	1	8
Godfrey de Bouillon	8	0	1	1
Joseph Warren	8	1	0	1
Narragansett	12	1	0	1
Bristol	16	5	1	6
Northampton	6	1	0	1
South Shore	10	0	0	0
Trinity	12	4	1	5
Natick	18	7	2	9
Coeur de Lion	23	1	4	5
Gethsemane	26	2	0	2
Olivet	24	0	3	3
Athol	8	0	0	0
Bay State	21	2	0	2
Cyprus	9	0	1	1
St. Paul	8	0	0	0
Beauseant	17	0	1	1
Cambridge	9	0	0	0
Bethlehem	11	3	1	4
Orange	4	0	0	0
Ivanhoe	14	0	0	0
Quincy	15	4	0	4
Temple	13	0	5	5
St.Andrew	10	0	0	0
Reading	19	1	0	1
Thomas Smith Webb	11	1	0	1
Sir Galahad	10	1	0	1
	850	94	39	133

1966-67 Monthly Objective Necessary to Reach Quota

	Obj.	Act.
Sept.	61	26
Oct.	92	34
Nov.	68	34
Dec.	84	39
Jan.	82	
Feb.	120	
Mar.	111	
Apr.	103	
May	72	
June	57	

Accumulative

Sept.	61	26
Oct.	153	60
Nov.	221	96
Dec.	305	133
Jan.	387	
Feb.	507	
March	618	
Apr.	721	
May	793	
June	850	

Comparison

	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963
Sept.	26	30	32	46	72
Oct.	60	104	117	107	153
Nov.	96	151	145	163	228
Dec.	133	187	182	252	260
Jan.		242	247	325	284
Feb.		314	290	407	306
Mar.		394	342	497	341
Apr.		481	406	594	381
May		544	456	634	417
June		571	483	669	452

Leaders

Commandery	Petitions
Woonsocket #24	8
Springfield #6	13
Natick #33	9
Boston #2	10
DeMolay #7	10

Woonsocket #24 has 88.88% Quota

Ralph L. Connolly
Chairman Membership

December 30, 1966

Sir Knights:

We have received 44 applications for Life Sponsors in December, the most applications we have received in a month since November, 1965. This is a wonderful display of the Christmas spirit, a spirit which should prevail throughout the year.

Another Commandery has joined the ranks of the "Ten Percenters" this month, Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 34. Congratulations, Sir Knights, you have done well. There are only four Commanderies in this jurisdiction that have attained this mark--let's try for four more next month.

You will note a new section on our statistical report entitled, "Memorials." This is for the Commandery purchasing a Life Sponsor certificate as a memorial to one of their deceased Sir Knights. In making such applications, please indicate it is for a memorial on the application.

Sir Knights, the new Red Book is out with the latest membership figures for each Commandery in this jurisdiction. In some cases the percentage of Life Sponsors has slipped because of the gain in membership and no gain in Life Sponsors. In other cases the percentage of Life Sponsors has shown a gain because of a decline in membership. Those Commanderies having their 10 per cent must watch this closely, a gain in membership and not in Life Sponsors could rob them of a well deserved 10 per cent quota.

Let us start the New Year with renewed vigor and prove to the world that the tenets of Templary are not idle vows. It is impossible for us to know the world of those who are in darkness without the hope of seeing again, or to know what confronts a person who knows his or her eyesight is failing and will continue to fail for want of a helping hand. Below is a copy of a letter from just such a person who received a helping hand from the Knights Templar.

November 30, 1966

Knights Templar Eye Foundation
Masonic Temple
Boston, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

Words cannot express my gratitude and thanks for making my son's operation possible and successful. May you all feel the purity of doing and giving.

God Bless You!

(Signed) Mrs. L. L. McK.

Because of your generosity, Sir Knights, a boy has had one of God's greatest gifts returned to him. A gift he surely would have lost, had it not been for the generosity of the Knights Templar. The Time, effort and money we put into this great humanitarian charity is rewarded greatly by such a letter as this.

Chester E. Oldmixon
Chairman
Knights Templar Eye Foundation
Promotional Committee

NAME OF COMMANDERY	NOV.	DEC.	TOTAL	%	PATRON
St. John's #1	22	4	26	.053	$ 200
Boston #2	22	-	22	.02	
Newburyport #3	17	2	19	.06	100
Washington #4	1	-	1	.01	
Worcester County #5	18	-	18	.027	
Springfield #6	4	-	4	.007	100
De Molay #7	27	6	33	.039	200
Holy Sepulchre #8	2	-	2	.006	
Pilgrim #9	10	4	14	.046	100
Palestine #10	2	2	4	.023	
Milford #11	1	-	1	.006	100
St.Bernard #12	54	1	55	.572	100
Calvary #13	16	1	17	.037	100
Haverhill #14	13	2	15	.04	100
Old Colony #15	1	-	1	.004	100
Sutton #16	5	-	5	.009	
Bethany #17	-	-	-	-	
Winslow Lewis #18	3	-	3	.01	100
Jerusalem #19	10	2	12	.04	250
Hugh de Payens #20	15	-	15	.03	1,000
St. Omer #21	11	4	15	.059	200
Berkshire #22	18	2	20	.06	
Connecticut Valley #23	-	1	1	.009	
Woonsocket #24	-	-	-	-	
Godfrey de Bouillon #25	1	-	1	.007	
Joseph Warren #26	5	-	5	.04	
Narragansett #27	8	-	8	.044	
Bristol #29	7	1	8	.027	100
Northampton #30	2	-	2	.016	
South Shore #31	3	-	3	.02	
Trinity #32	1	-	1	.004	
Natick #33	19	3	22	.067	100
Coeur de Lion #34	38	3	41	*.10	100
Gethsemane #35	20	-	20	.048	100
Olivet #36	4	-	4	.009	100
Athol #37	1	-	1	.007	
Bay State #38	8	1	9	.025	
Cyprus #39	22	-	22	*.13	
St.Paul #40	4	-	4	.031	100
Beauseant #41	21	2	23	.07	100
Cambridge #42	2	-	2	.014	100
Bethlehem #43	5	-	5	.028	100
Orange #45	1	-	1	.014	
Ivanhoe #46	6	-	6	.026	
Quincy #47	14	2	16	.074	
Temple #48	1	-	1	.004	
St.Andrew #49	11	-	11	.063	100
Reading #50	40	1	41	*.119	100
Thomas Smith Webb #51	26	-	26	*.139	100
Sir Galahad #52	5	-	5	.03	100
TOTAL	547	44	591		$4,050

*Commanderies having 10% or over of their total membership

PATRON AND ASSOCIATE PATRONS

T.Legare Fenn	$ 200
Pres.Councils Club of Mass.& Rhode Island	100
Grand Commandery Ladies	100
Past Commanders Association	100
Moslem Grotto, Providence,R.I.	300
Reading Assembly S.O.O.B. #117	100
Gate of the Temple Lodge A.F.&A.M.	100
G.Burton Long	100
Mrs.Leonard Hoft	50
Richard D.Doney	50
Terry D.Griffin	50
Total	$1,250

DIVISION SCORES

DIVISION	L.SPONSOR
Met.	147
So.East	67
Met.North	128
No.East	56
Central	64
So.West	29
Met.South	56
Western	44
Total	591

MEMORIALS

George A.Weeks	$30
Elliot N.Holley	$30